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SUBJ: U.S. - U.S.S.R. TRACK MEET IN KIEV JULY 4-5

1. LOCAL OFFICE OF ASSOCIATED PRESS INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 17 THAT THE U.S. AAU HAD ANNOUNCED MONDAY THAT IT WAS CANCELLING ITS PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT MEET DUE TO PROBLEMS OVER TV RIGHTS. 59QMRY ON WIRE QUOTED OLLAN CASSELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AAU, REGRETTING THIS ACTION DUE TO CONTRACTUAL VIOLATIONS BY SOVIETS. PRAGUE OFFICE OF CSTV (CZECHOSLOVAK PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNION) IS EXPECTING 85 OF THESE U.S. ATHLETES TO TAKE PART IN TRIANGULAR MEET HERE JULY 7 AND 8 (WITH ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF ATHLETES FROM POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA).

2. OFFICIAL OF CSTV INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 18 THAT ACCORDING TO HIS MORNING PHONE CALL WITH KIEV, MEET WAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET DEFINITELY CANCELLED. IF THIS DEVELOPED, HE WOULD INVITE SOVIET TEAM TO JOIN MEET IN PRAGUE RATHER THAN HAVE A SMALLER U.S. TEAM AS REPORTEDLY OFFERED BY CASSELL IN AP STORY.

3. PRAGUE AP INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 18 AFTERNOON THAT VIENNA AP HAD GARBLED ITS STORY BASED ON PARA. 2 ABOVE AND HAD REPORTED THAT THE U.S.S.R. HAD ACCEPTED PRAGUE'S OFFER INSTEAD OF FACT THAT PRAGUE WOULD INVITE SOVIET TEAM IF KIEV MEET WAS DEFINITELY CANCELLED.

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4. SINCE PRAGUE CSTV COUNTING ON USAAU FULFILLING ITS CONTRACTUAL

OBLIGATIONS HERE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CURRENT INFORMATION
MOSCOW OR DEPARTMENT CAN ADD TO THIS CONFUSING PICTURE. PERRY

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